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TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GEORGE FOREMAN TO SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. REP. DIGGS HAS ASKED DEPT. TO REQUEST EMBASSY PRETORIA  
QUOTE EXTEND MAXIMUM COURTESIES UNQUOTE TO GEORGE FOREMAN  
WHO WILL ARRIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA ON SUNDAY, MARCH 30.

2. FOLLOWING IS COPY LETTER REP. DIGGS SENT FOREMAN:  
QUOTE DEAR CHAMP: AM DELIGHTED TO BE ADVISED ABOUT THE  
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CONDITIONS WHICH YOU HAVE DEMANDED RE YOUR EXHIBITIONS

IN SOUTH AFRICA. MAY I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST FURTHER THAT YOU MAKE SURE BLACKS ARE NOT EXCLUDED FROM YOUR EXHIBITIONS BECAUSE OF THE PRICE OF ADMISSION OR INTERFERENCE BY SECURITY POLICE. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY COULD GRANT PERMISSION FOR NON-WHITES TO ATTEND BUT OTHER CONDITIONS SUCH AS THE AFOREMENTIONED COULD STILL EXCLUDE THEM. MAKE THEM GIVE YOU SOME COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS TO DISTRIBUTE IF NECESSARY.

HAVING DEALT WITH THESE PEOPLE NUMEROUS TIMES BOTH IN MY OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

ON AFRICA AND OTHERWISE, I HAVE FOUND THIS KIND OF PRECISENESS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO AVOID DECEPTION.

ADDITIONALLY, I HOPE THAT YOUR COMPENSATION IS SUCH THAT YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE PART OF IT TO A WORTHY BLACK CAUSE WHILE THERE. FOR EXAMPLE, WHITES GET FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION BUT BLACKS DO NOT. THEREFORE, SETTING UP A GEORGE FOREMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR BLACK EDUCATION TO BE ADMINISTERED BY SOMEONE LIKE CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI OR A REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THE CITIZENS OF SOWETO WOULD BE AN UPPERCUT. SOWETO IS THE BLACK TOWNSHIP CONTAINING UPWARDS OF A MILLION PEOPLE JUST OUTSIDE OF JOHANNESBURG, WHERE MOST BLACKS IN THE AREA LIVE BECAUSE THEY ARE EXCLUDED FROM HOUSING IN THE CITY.

LET US KEEP IN COMMUNICATION. I AM SENDING A SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR EMBASSY IN PRETORIA THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT REQUESTING THAT THEY EXTEND YOU MAXIMUM COURTESIES.

GOOD LUCK AND GOD BLESS YOU.

CONGRESSMAN CHARLES C. DIGGS, JR., U.S. HOUSE OF REP.,  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515. UNQUOTE.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF TELEGRAM SENT BY FOREMAN TO MAURICE TOWEEL, JOHANNESBURG BOXING PROMOTER, ON MARCH 19 SEEKING ASSURANCES THAT THE PROMOTIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BOUTS WILL BE SCHEDULED BEFORE MULTINATIONAL AUDIENCES AND IN BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE MULTINATIONAL AUDIENCES ARE NOT POSSIBLE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH TOUR PLANS. KISSINGER

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